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Request for Review for Funding Year 2005:

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of appeal is to request a review of the SLD which denied 2005 funding to:

Richmond County School District FCDL Date: December 27, 2005

 $Funding\ Request\ Numbers\ 1240245,\ 1240256,\ 1240265,\ 1240275,\ 1240280,$ 

 $1240284,\ 1240289,\ 1240298,\ 1240304,\ 1240311,\ 1240316,\ 1240320,\ 1240323,$ 

 $1240326,\ 1240331,\ 1240332,\ 1240337,\ 1240343,\ 1240703,\ 1240707,\ 1240709,$ 

 $1240710,\,1240714,\,1240719,\,1240721,\,1240726,\,1240732,\,1240733,\,1240735,$ 

1240736, 1240740, 1240743, 1240750, 1240756, 1240758, 1240761

The Funding Commitment Letter stated that funding was denied because of Contract Violation – "FCC rules require that a contract for the products/services be signed and dated by both parties prior to filing the Form 471. This requirement was not met." The allowable contract date was December 22, 2004. Since this was an existing contract with a mutually agreeable extension clause, the contract extension with Novell was awarded on January 20, 2005. Mr. Andy Wagstaff, Contract

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Management with Novell, Inc. signed and faxed the contract extension on January 25, 2005. The school system's Associate Superintendent, Dr. Robert E. Beck reviewed the contract extension and inadvertently dated the contract extension for January 26, 2005. The contract had been in place and was legally binding. Attached are copies of the Contract Extension Agreement showing the date on which the contract was "entered into" with the signed signature page showing the signatures of the aforementioned representatives.

The language in the Contract Extension document clearly states that both parties (Novell, Inc. and Richmond County School District) agreed that the initial date shown is the legal and effective date of the contractual agreement. This document should meet the spirit and the letter of the FCC rule on contracts in Paragraph 48 of the Fifth Report and Order, FCC 04-190.

Richmond County School District respectively requests that this denial be reversed by the FCC, and that the SLD provide E-Rate funding to the school district for Funding Request Numbers 1240245, 1240256, 1240265, 1240275, 1240280, 1240284, 1240289, 1240298, 1240304, 1240311, 1240316, 1240320, 1240323, 1240326, 1240331, 1240332, 1240337, 1240343, 1240703, 1240707, 1240709, 1240710, 1240714, 1240719, 1240721, 1240726, 1240732, 1240733, 1240735, 1240736, 1240740, 1240743, 1240750, 1240756, 1240758, 1240761.

Sincerely,

Suzanne W. Griffin Director of Technology

## Novell.

January 25, 2005

Dr. Robert Beck Richmond County Schools Hamlet, NC 68852

Dr. Beck,

Richmond County Schools has a School License Agreement (SLA) with Novell. Their contract number is SLA#185281 and the services they utilize are NetWare, BorderManager, ZENworks for Desktops, GroupWise and File System Factory.

This agreement covers the period May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005, and can be extended for one-year periods upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Alternative products may also be specified in future years.

Signed:

Andy Wagstaff

Contract Management

Date:

1/25/05

Dr. Robert Beck Richmond County Schools

Date: 1-26-05